

**CITY OF TAFT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
DECEMBER 14, 2021
KIVA HUT – 402 PARK STREET
6:30 P.M.**

In accordance with Section 551.041 of the Government Code, notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Taft will be held on the 14th day of December, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut, 402 Park St, Taft, Texas 78390.

You may join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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1. Call to order and quorum check.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.
3. VISITORS - At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Should there be more than five (5) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select one (1) representative to speak for them. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. Citizens are to refrain from any personal attacks on the council or any member of the staff. Failure to abide by these policies could result in a charge of disorderly conduct.
4. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the November 10, 2020 regular meeting minutes, November 30, 2020 special meeting minutes, December 8, 2020 regular meeting minutes, December 14, 2020 special meeting minutes, December 16, 2020 regular meeting minutes, and December 28, 2020 special meeting minutes. *(city staff)*
5. Discuss and consider update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures. *(city staff)*
6. Discuss, consider and act upon awarding a bid and authorizing the Mayor to execute documents related to the Street Improvement Project for the City of Taft CDBG-DR GLO Contract Number 20-065-097-C269. *(SMMP)*
7. Discuss, consider and act on making an appointment to fill a vacancy on the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. *(SMMP)*
8. Discussion regarding the Community Resilience Program Project. *(city staff)*
9. Discuss, consider and take action on accepting a proposal from Langford Communities for Grant Administration services for the Texas Resiliency Program from the Texas Community Development

Block Grant –Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) contract with the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA) to carry out a community resiliency project in the City of Taft. *(city staff)*

10. Discuss, consider and take action on approving contract for Grant Administration services for the Community Resiliency Program through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. *(city staff)*
11. Discuss, consider and take action on accepting a proposal from Ardurra a qualified engineering/architectural firm for engineering/architectural services to include budget/scopes of work/cost estimates for the preparation of a Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Texas Community Resiliency Program (CRP) application for an eligible project. *(city staff)*
12. Discuss, consider and take action on approving a contract with Ardurra for Engineering/Architectural services for the Community Resiliency Program through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. *(city staff)*
13. Discuss, consider and take action on entering into a contract with The Nueces River Authority to maintain the City of Taft Wastewater Treatment Plant. *(city staff)*
14. Discuss, consider and take action on authorizing a boundary/topographic survey of Industrial Street and College Street. *(city staff)*
15. Discussion on the scope of work for the forensic audit. *(city staff)*
16. Discuss monthly reports for city manager, police department, animal control, code enforcement, public works, and fire department. *(city staff)*
17. Consider, discuss and take action on the City of Taft 2022 Holiday Schedule. *(city staff)*
18. Discussion regarding the Nepotism Law. *(city staff)*
19. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the Knights of Columbus Council 15512 to hold a monthly Farmers Market at the city park located in the front of City Hall. *(Councilman Vara)*
20. Discussion on the process of conducting background checks for city employees. *(Councilman Vara)*
21. Discussion on the Taft Economic Development Corporation Bylaws. *(Councilman Rodriguez)*
22. Discussion on the security lighting at the Taft Little League Fields. *(Councilman Rodriguez)*
23. Discussion on possibly building a bus stop on the corner of Victoria Ave. and Hoover. *(Councilman Rodriguez)*
24. Discuss, consider, and act on adding a concrete wheelchair ramp at the entrance to the Taft Blackland Museum. *(Mayor Powell)*
25. Discuss the lighting at the walking trail at the Taft Recreational Park. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
26. Discussion on potential illegal activity on the 300 block of Reynolds Ave. *(Councilman Hernandez)*
27. Discussion on the process of removing tax exemptions on ineligible properties. *(Councilman Hernandez)*

28. City Council Requests and Announcements:
 - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
 - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
29. Executive Session:
 1. Convene into executive session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071 consultation with the City Attorney to seek legal advice regarding Shawn Wilson vs. City of Taft Cause No. S-21-5721CV-A in the 36th Judicial District Court, San Patricio County, Texas.
 2. Convene into executive session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071 consultation with the City Attorney to seek legal advice regarding Sharon Watts vs. City of Taft Civil Action No. 2:21-CV-00033 in the United States District Court Southern District of Texas Corpus Christi Division.
 3. Convene into executive session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071 consultation with the City Attorney regarding an interlocal agreement with the Taft Volunteer Fire Department.
30. Reconvene into Regular Session and consider action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in Executive session.
31. Adjournment.

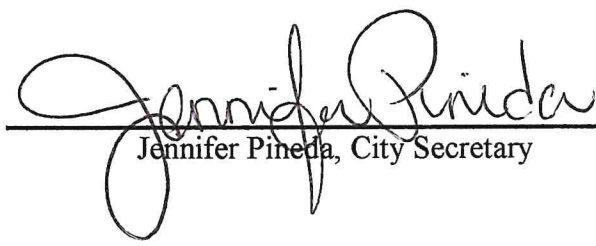
A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

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| 1. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.071 | Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where legal advice is requested of the City Attorney. |
| 2. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.072 | The purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property , if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. |
| 3. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.073 | A contract for a prospective gift or donation to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. |
| 4. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.074 | Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee. |
| 5. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.076 | The deployment or specific occasion for the implementation of security personnel or devices . |
| 6. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.087 | Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations . |

NOTICE

Persons with disabilities planning to attend this meeting who may need auxiliary aids or services are asked to contact the City offices at (361) 528-3512 by Monday noon.

DATED and POSTED this the 9th day of December 2021, at 5:00 p.m.



Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary